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## COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES ESTABLISHED FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON RECIPROCAL BARGAINING OBLIGATIONS

MB Docket No. 05-89

Comments Due: On or before April 25, 2005

Reply Comments Due: On or before May 9, 2005

On March 7, 2005, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in MB Docket No. 05-89 in which the Commission initiated a rulemaking proceeding to implement Section 207 of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004 ("Notice"). Section 207 extends Section 325(b)(3)(C) of the Communications Act until 2010 and amends that section to impose reciprocal good faith retransmission consent bargaining obligations on multichannel video programming distributors. A summary of the reciprocal good faith retransmission consent bargaining Notice was published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2005 triggering the cycle for comments and reply comments.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules,<sup>3</sup> interested parties may file comments on this Notice **on or before** April 25, 2005, and reply comments **on or before** May 9, 2005. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS"), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.<sup>4</sup>

Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/">http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/</a> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov">ecfs@fcc.gov</a>, and include the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Implementation of Section 207 of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004: Reciprocal Bargaining Obligations, FCC 05-49 (rel. Mar. 7, 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 70 FR 15048 (Mar. 24, 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1419.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

Availability of Documents. Comments, reply comments, and ex parte submissions will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., CY-A257, Washington, D.C., 20554. These documents will also be available via ECFS. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Word 97, and/or Adobe Acrobat.

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